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Comments: I am writing in reference to HJR153. First, I do not think we need to take a year for a feasibility study. This should have already been done as a product of Hurricane Isabel. The answer is already before us - to bury those power lines.

Second, I am definitely in favor of burying the electric lines so I won't have to live for 10 days again without power until the "boys from Alabama" come back to my neighborhood. The power lines to my home are underground, but those to my neighborhood are above ground through the woods. Every time we have a very windy day or big rain storm, my power blinks several times or goes out for hours. This occurred before Isabel and continues today - what trees were trimmed - not those through the woods to our neighborhood! I can live for a while without the phone or cable - it is peacefully quiet. But my nerves are suffering more each time the power goes off. First it was the two bad ice storms and then Isabel - on top of the repeated outages for very windy days and big rain.

I would be glad to pay a nominal amount each month, like \$1 to \$3, added to my electric bill for a year. Most everyone could afford a couple of dollars and that would add up quickly. Those who cannot afford it could get an exemption. Based on usage, companies could pay more to assist the effort. We should be planning to start right away, looking at areas that impact the most people.

This effort would also create some much needed jobs throughout Virginia when so many are in need of work. And then the power company might be looked at as a hero instead of their current image!